Ankneytown, Ohio.

Editor of the EVANGELIST: Your editorial in reference to the adjustment of our protracted church trouble has caused some inquiry as to how it was brought about. After many fruitless efforts by others, who all felt shure that nothing could be done, Bro. W. J. H. Bauman came among us, (not to legislate nor expel,) but to preach 'the word.' This he did faithfully and impartially. He refused to take sides, but hewed to the line, using righteousness for his plummet, which carried conviction to every thinking mind, that he was indeed earnest, that he had the good of bleeding Zion at heart. His prayers and his preaching all centered in Christian union, thus causing the Good Spirit to work effectually, which was the *moving cause*, leading to this glorious result.

One of the leaders, prompted by the spirit, with love, peace and union engraved upon his banner went to the leader of the opposite party, proposing conditions of peace and union which was favorably received, and after conferring with other leading members, was reduced to writing of which the following is a copy:

'Deploring the divided condition of the Brethren church at this place on account of conflicting sentiments relative to the proper constituents of the Lord's supper, being conscious that such divided condition will bring upon us inevitable ruin, and also tend to keep the unconverted away from Christ, thus causing his enemies to glory, and saints to weep,

Resolved, Therefore, by us who are members of the Brethren church at North Liberty and Ankneytown, by virtue of our signature hereunto attached or otherwise expressed by us, in order to save the cause of Christ from further suffering in our midst, we hereby agree to the following mutual——to wit:

We will dispense with meat entirely at our communion services, and have a sufficiant quantity of unleavened bread and wine to constitute a [full] meal, also the emblems.

We further agree to labor together in Christ-like love and harmony for our mutual encouragement in our effort against sin, and for the conversion of the unconverted, and the general furtherance of the cause of Christ.

We also mutually agree to aid, according to our several abilities, in bearing the financial needs of the church, such as paying for our church house, and supporting the ministry, and all incidental purposes.

Our pastor and church officers are to be selected by the majority vote of the church.

We further agree to cease further agitation of former troubles among us, either by word or act.

Resolved, also, that, wherein we have aggrieved each other in the past, that all be, mutually forgiven and buried.'

The above was almost unanimously subscribed to, and we hope and pray that we may be enabled by divine grace to live accordingly. Those whose names are not here unto attached are not considered expelled, but will be borne up in the arms of fraternal love, and treated as brethren, 'Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ,' is our prayer.

Bro. I. D. Bowman came just in time to bring up the rear and to help to consummate the good work begun under Bro. Bauman's preaching. He is now our pastor, and I bespeak for him a pleasant time. May his labors be blessed and crowned with success.

We have a flourishing Sunday School in progress, and a favorable outlook for future development. I am happy to say that many who are not identified with the church are taking an active part to make our school a success.

Last, but not least, we extend a cordial invitation to all ministers who may chance to pass along on the B. & O. R. R., to stop off at Ankneytown, and give us a few sermons and enjoy the hospitality of some of our good Marthas.

ISAAC LEEDY.

If it is True.

Members of secret lodges say we outsiders have no right to condemn them because we know nothing about them. Well we will accept that, but we hear some reports and if those reports are true we have the right to say that no Christian can consistently be a member of such a lodge.

1st. It is reported that in order to become a member of the Masonic Lodge the applicant must take an oath. If that is true, said applicant violates one of the most solemn precepts of Christ. See Matt. 5: 33 also James 5: 12. These Scriptures settle the matter as plain as a, b, c.

2nd. Report says the name of Christ cannot be used in the Masonic and some other lodges. Is it possible that a brother would justify himself as a member of a body where even the name of Christ is not allowed? What must the conscience of such an one be? You who know please answer. Such is the report amoung us outsiders, and some of us could not knowingly fellowship a brother who would then deny Christ. To the true Christian Christ is first, last and all the time. He always dares to think, talk and act Christ. He does all in the name of Christ.

3rd. Report also says (largely so in a practical sense) that the attachment to the lodge must be stronger than to the church. If that be true (is it?) Christ is put to open shame. If these reports are true the church ought to know. If not, she ought to know. Personally we have not so much against mere secrecy, but we would never belong to a society so secret as to forbid giving the information desired in this. The very face of such extreme secrecy is sneakish and hypocritical.

We are opposed to church creedism, believe the gospel to be creed enough. The gospel is just as plain in what it forbids as in what it commands. It says nothing to our knowledge about secret socities, but it does forbid in the plainest way possible the performing of an oath. It does demand a confession of Christ, and that all things should be done in Christ's name. It does forbid 'being unequally yoked together with unbelievers.'

It does demand that Christ should be first in everything. I would just as soon reject baptism, feet-washing, etc., as to reject the truths. It being the church's mission to save rather than to destroy, I do not believe in the churches right to expel except where the guilt involves continuous indulgence in the grossly criminal; but it is the church's duty to teach and urge the recognition of gospel principles.

If brethren belong to secret lodges, they ought to know—*they do know*—whether these reports be true. If they are not true let people know. If they are true I appeal to you as one who dearly loves you, for your own sake, for the church's sake, for the sake of wounded brethren, and above all for Christ's sake come out from among them. Have nothing to do with anything that demands a violation of gospel teachings.

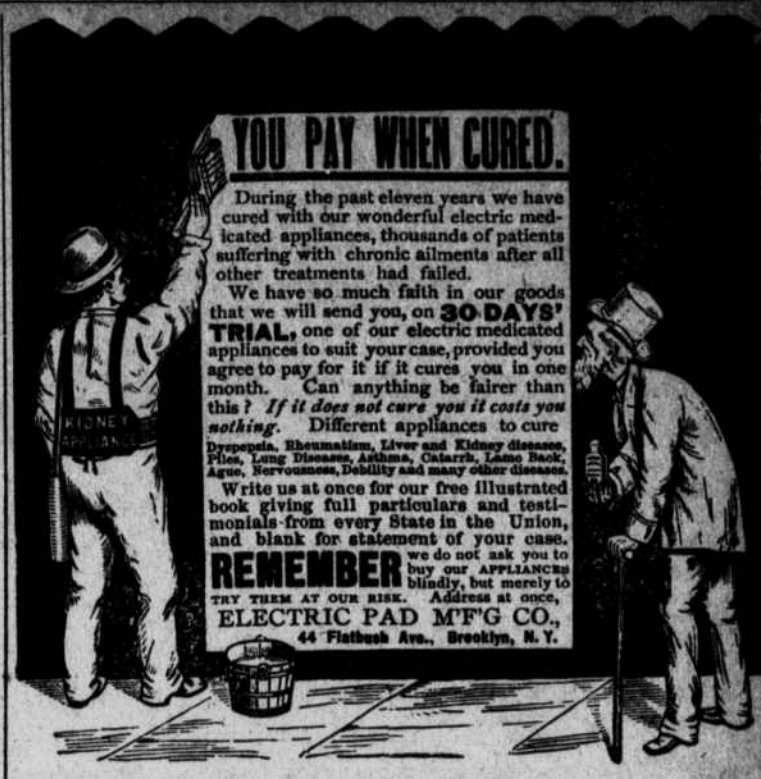
Go nowhere where you would be hindered from having Jesus as a side companion or where he himself could not enter without a violation of principles originated by himself. Yours for 'Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever.'

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Montana, Kan.

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Aggregate amount of liabilities (except capital), including re-insurance,	3,230,449 91
Net Assets,	5,360,220 96
Amount of actual paid-up capital,	3,000,000 00
Surplus	2,360,220 96
Amount of Income for the year in cash,	3,892,787 16
Amount of Expenditures for the year in cash,	3,747,615 74

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Ar. Columbus	3 25	†3 25	3 00	7 35		
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Lv. Tiffin	2 20	7 55	6 52	1 04	10 20	
Fostoria	2 39	8 22	7 30	1 30	10 44	
Ar. Chicago	9 05	p m 5 20	5 30		a m 6 55	

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Tiffin	1 43	5 32	7 15	1 57	12 28
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Lv. Cincinnati	p m 7 10	*7 10	7 30		
Columbus	p m 11 05	11 05	11 20	1 15	
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Zanesville	5 53	1 04	1 33	7 05	5 53
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